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## Rapid River News!

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From L.R.B.O.I.

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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<http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html>

**Click here for LRRCR Employment**

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

### Rental Housing Available

The Little River Band Housing Department will have two rental homes for lease at Aki Maadiziwin.

Construction will be complete and the homes will be available after January 1, 2010. The homes have three bedrooms, two bathrooms, full basement and two car attached garages.

These homes are market based rentals, Tribal member families are not required to be low income. The homes rent for \$625.00 per month plus utilities. Security/Pet deposits and references are required. Background checks will be conducted, as with all residents at Aki. These homes are not HUD funded homes, therefore, we do not follow HUD guidelines.

**If you would like an application, please call Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department  
Toll Free 1.888.723.8288 or direct at 231.398.6878.**

### Office Holiday Closures

*The tribal government offices will be closed except for normal essential services between Christmas and New Years with regular office hours resuming January 4th. Tribal Council is on recess during this time.*



*(Editor's note: This will be the final Rapid River News for 2009. The e-news will resume with the week of January 11th. )*

**Please remember those friends and family who have walked on this year. Keep they and their families in your prayers this Holy Season.**

**The Ogema's office wishes everyone a peaceful happy holiday**



## ***3rd Annual New Year's Jiingtamok*** ***a celebration of sobriety***

Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

(2953 ShawBeQuo-ung Manistee, Mi)

Grand Entry @ 7pm All Dancers and Drums Welcome!

Host Drum: Medicine Lodge Singers Co-host Drum: Elk Trail

MC: Don Underwood Arena Director: Daniel LaBlance Bissell

Head Dancers: Debra Davis and Frank Sprague

Jr Head Dancers: Hannah Sandel and Bishop Davis

Head Veteran: Walker Stonefish

Feast @ 6:00 pm

Come have some fun...

Count down at midnight!

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Vendor Space Available~FREE~

Contact: Brian Gibson

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### ***Hardenburgh Funeral***

Services were held at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee on Saturday for Tribal Council member Robert Hardenburgh.

A luncheon was held afterwards at the Tribal Community Center. His obituary will appear in the next Currents.



### **Elders Meeting:**

The January 2010 ELDER'S MEETING will be held on the second Saturday rather than the first Saturday. The Meeting will be held at the Community Center at AKI Saturday, JANUARY 9, 2010 starting at 12:00 NOON.

## **Cabin Fever Camp Scheduled**

Youth Camp Cabin Fever Reliever...Come join in a day of fun activities on January 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Aki Community Center. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information contact Holly Davis Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Community Health Representatives 231-398-6629

### ***(Kateri Circle)***

*"In the end I tell my children, there's no way I can tell you how to be an Acoma, how to be an Indian. You have to experience it."*

*--Stanley Paytiamo, ACOMA PUEBLO*

*Each person must make their own journey. It is like every human is given a life canoe. The canoe has one seat and one paddle. In order to get anything out of life we must be in the canoe and we must paddle down the river of life. Now, I can share with you how my journey has been, but I cannot paddle your canoe. You must paddle your own. Good luck!*

*Creator, I'm so glad I have You to guide my path.*

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

## Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

## Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.  
Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member  
while tax-exempt supply lasts.

**THE TRIBES ANNUAL QUOTA OF TAX-EXEMP  
CIGARETTES ARE ALMOST GONE.  
TAX-EXEMP CIGARETTES WILL NOT BE  
AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010.**

## Peacemaking Talking Circle



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**There will not be a Talking Circle for Peacemaking in  
December due to the holiday schedule.**



This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 12-8-09

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation  
DM - Divorce with children  
EB - Election Board Appeal  
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment  
GM - Guardianship of Minor  
JV - Juvenile  
NC - Name Change  
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support  
DO - Divorce w/o children  
EM - Emancipation of Minor  
GA - Gaming Appeal  
GR - Employment Matter  
LT - Landlord Tenant  
PF - Probate  
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket  
EA - Enrollment Appeal  
FJ - Foreign Judgment  
GC - General Civil  
JC - Judicial Complaint  
NA - Neglect Abuse  
PPO - Personal Protection Order  
WC - Workmen's Compensation

## Monday, December 21, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 10:00 a.m. 09151GA - Cooper v. Tribe Motion Hearing
- 2:00 p.m. 09141CO - Stone, Josh Show Cause
- 2:45 p.m. 09242DO - Balwinski v. Balwinski Pretrial
- 3:00 p.m. 09204DO - Bean v. Bean Final Divorce
- 3:45 p.m. 09068DO - Aprill v. Aprill Final Divorce

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
**THE TRIBAL COURT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THE**  
**WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS.**

### Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	1 opening
Natural Resource	1 opening
Binojeeuk	4 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

### CORA Meeting.

Ogema Romanelli attended a meeting of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority in Traverse City last Thursday. Tribal Natural Resources was represented by Director Jimmie Mitchell and some staff members.

## *Woodland Indian Art Exhibit.*

This museum in Traverse City is in the midst of a nice exhibit featuring Woodland Indian arts and crafts. Use this link to see more.

<http://www.dennosmuseum.org/exhibitions/current/2009-exhibitions/woodland-indians.html>

## *2010 Budget*

Tribal Council, on December 16th passed the 2010 government budget. After much discussion, the reorganization of the Executive Branch was also supported. This is the "Osiyo" project referred to in stories and meetings this year to analyze how to improve the Executive Branch structure for delivery of services that impact the tribal citizens and nation.

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United Way Kickoff! Just before Thanksgiving, the casino resort kicked off their United Way Campaign and this last week the tribal government started theirs. Past participants will be receiving renewal forms soon. Those who would like to join the campaign should contact Jason Verheek or Glenn Zaring. For more information, here is the UW Manistee website: <http://www.uwmanistee.org/>

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YouthBuild Manistee. Northwest Michigan Works! is expanding the YouthBuild program to include Manistee/Benzie, Traverse City, and Beaver Island. A national program, YouthBuild trains high school drop-out youth, ages 18 to 24, in the construction trades. Hands-on learning takes place in building affordable housing within the community. The youth spend 50% of their time on academics -- obtaining a high school diploma or preparing for the GED. For more information or an application form contact David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist (ext 6842). Link for more information: <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp>

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The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

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Government Weather Closing Policy. The tribal government has issued the 2009 Weather Closing Policy. When Manistee Area Schools announce a closing due to weather, the government offices will have a delayed open to 10 a.m. The same is true for

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## Casino Emergency Plan review

Representatives of the Tribal Police, Emergency Planning group and Casino Security staff met last week to review plans for response to certain incidents at the Casino Resort.

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.  
Or send them direct to [currentcomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentcomments@lrboi.com).  
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.